

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Claims 1 to 33 (Canceled).

34. (Previously presented) A multiple catheter assembly, comprising:

a first catheter having a first distal end region and a first proximal end region joined by a first intermediate section;

a second catheter having a second distal end region and a second proximal end region joined by a second intermediate section;

first and second extension tube assemblies having first and second distal end portions respectively associated with the first and second proximal end regions of the first and second catheters; and

an initially separate hub member adapted to be releasably attachable by a practitioner directly to and around the first and second proximal end regions of the first and second catheters distally of the proximal ends thereof, after catheter implantation and subcutaneous tunneling and at a site selected by the practitioner along coextending lengths of the first and second proximal end regions spaced from the proximal ends thereof, such that portions of the proximal end regions of the first and second catheters extend through the hub member and proximally beyond the proximal end of the hub member through respective exits and spaced apart from each other, to be connected to respective ones of the first and second extension tube assemblies, with other portions of the proximal end regions of the first and second catheters extend distally from the hub member separately from but adjacent to each other.

35. (Previously presented) The multiple catheter assembly of claim 34, wherein the cross-sectional shapes of the first and second proximal end regions is circular, and the cross-sectional shapes of the first and second distal end portions of the first and second extension tubes is circular.

36. (Currently amended) The multiple catheter assembly of claim 35, wherein the cross-sectional shapes of the first and second intermediate sections of the first and second catheters is semicircular, and the first and second catheters have transition sections between the ~~circular cross-sectional shapes of the first and second proximal and distal end regions and the semicircular cross-sectional shapes of the first and second intermediate sections.~~

37. (Previously presented) The multiple catheter assembly of claim 36, wherein the first and second intermediate sections of the first and second catheters are splittably joined to each other.

38. (Previously presented) The multiple catheter assembly of claim 37, wherein the first and second intermediate sections of the first and second catheters are splittably joined to each other by adhesive.